Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-15, 20, 24, 28, 33-44, and 49-52 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 21-23, 25-26, and 31-32.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application:

1   1-15   (Cancelled)

2   16.   (Previously Presented)   A method for processing a collection of digital

3   content received by a receiver having at least one policy affecting receipt of collections,

4   comprising:

5   receiving a manifest for a work comprising a description of data stored by the

6   collection, a reference to a first digital resource, and meta-data describing the first digital

7   content, wherein the manifest comprises a relationship between the reference and said

8   meta-data so that the manifest includes structure corresponding to the work;

9   testing compliance of the description with the policy;

10   determining if the manifest can be edited to comply with the policy; and

11   responsive to determining the manifest cannot be edited, disposing of the

12 manifest.

13   17.   (Original)   The method of claim 16, further comprising:

14   providing a search query for locating digital content to a search agent; and

15   receiving the manifest in response to the search query.

1   18.   (Original)   The method of claim 16, further comprising:

2   the manifest further comprising a second reference to second digital content,

3   second meta-data describing the second digital content, and purchasing data for said

4   first and second digital content;

5   deciding to obtain the collection;

6   determining the first digital content was not previously obtained;

7   determining the second digital content has been previously been obtained; and

8   purchasing only the first digital content in accord with said purchasing data.

9   19.   (Original)   The method of claim 16, further comprising:

10   the manifest further comprising a second reference to second digital content,

11   second meta-data describing the second digital content;

12   deciding to obtain the first collection;

13   determining the second digital content has been previously been obtained, said

14   determining being based on the second digital content already being present in a

15   selected one of: a cache, another collection, or a local storage device; and

16   obtaining only the first digital content.

17   20   (Cancelled)

18   21.   (Currently Amended)   The system of claim 25 20, further comprising:

19   a creation tool for creating the collection; and

1   a user interface communicatively coupled to the creation tool, said user interface

2   having a first interface tool to facilitate selection of the digital content, and a second

3   interface tool to facilitate entering said meta-data.

4   22.   (Currently Amended)   The system of claim 25 21, further comprising:

5   a search agent configured to receive search criteria and search for digital content

6   collections satisfying said search criteria; and

7   a commerce agent comprising a purchasing tool configured to determine

8   purchasing requirements for received digital content collections, and a payment tool

9   configured to purchase digital content in accord with said purchasing requirements.

10   23.   (Currently Amended)   The system of claim 25 20, wherein digital

11 content collections are encoded with a hierarchical tag based markup language.

12   24   (Cancelled)

13   25.   (Currently Amended)   A digital content management system, comprising:

14   a storage for storing digital content collections, wherein a collection comprises a

15 link reference to digital content, and meta-data describing selected ones of said digital

16 content and the collection;

17   a communication agent communicatively coupled to the storage;

18   a receiver communicatively coupled to the communication agent, said receiver

19 configured to inspect said meta-data and process the collection accordingly; and

20   a transmitter communicatively coupled to the communication agent, said

21 transmitter configured to inspect the reference to digital content to confirm retrievability

1   of the digital content, and to make the collection available to other digital content

2   management systems.

3   a policy checker configured to check digital content collections received by the

4   communication agent against a policy of the receiver;

5   a digital content collection editor, communicatively coupled to the policy checker,

6   said editor configured to change digital content collections to comply with the policy; and

7   a digital content collection rejecter, communicatively coupled to said editor, said

8   rejecter configured to reject received digital content collections;

9   wherein said digital content collection rejecter is configured to reject digital

10   content collections that cannot be edited to comply with the policy.

11   26.   (Currently Amended)   The system of claim 25 20, further comprising:

12   a search agent configured to locate digital content satisfying search criteria, said

13   locating including searching the storage for satisfying digital content.

14   27.   (Original)   The system of claim 26, wherein the storage is

15   communicatively coupled to the system through a network connection.

16   28   (Cancelled)

17   29.   (Original)   The method of claim 31 28, further comprising:

18   associating security data with the collection to facilitate detecting alterations to

19   the collection.

20   30.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 29, further comprising:

1   determining compliance of the collection with a receiver policy;

2   editing the collection to conform the collection to the receiver policy; and

3   revising, by the receiver, said associated security in accordance with said editing.

4   31.   (Currently Amended)   A method for collecting and managing digital

5   content, comprising:

6   determining a first digital resource to include in a collection;

7   storing a first reference to the first resource in the collection;

8   determining a first meta-data of the first resource;

9   storing said associated first meta-data in the collection;

10   storing the collection in a storage accessible by a receiver;

11   inspecting, by the receiver, of the first meta-data;

12   determining, based at least on said inspecting, whether to obtain the first

13   resource according to the first reference;

14   determining compliance of the collection with a receiver policy;

15   editing the collection to conform the collection to the receiver policy; and

16   revising, by the receiver, said associated security in accordance with said editing,

17   The method of claim 30, wherein said revising comprises the receiver cryptographically

18   signing some or all of the collection, and wherein said cryptographically signing

19   facilitates facilitate identifying that said receiver performed said revising.

20   32.   (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 31 28, further comprising:

21   logically structuring the collection to correspond to a physical good.

1   33-44 (Cancelled)

2   45.   (Original)   An article comprising a machine accessible medium having

3   instructions encoded thereon for processing a collection of digital content received by a

4   receiver having at least one policy affecting receipt of collections, said instructions,

5   which when executed by a machine, are capable of directing the machine to perform the

6   operations of claim 16.

7   46.   (Original)   The article of claim 45, said instructions including further

8   instructions capable of directing the machine to perform the operations of claim 17.

9   47.   (Original)   The article of claim 45, said instructions including further

10   instructions capable of directing the machine to perform the operations of claim 18.

11   48.   (Original)   The article of claim 45, said instructions including further

12   instructions capable of directing the machine to perform the operations of claim 19.

13   49-52 (Cancelled)